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Mayor wishes town happy New Year

T gives me enormous pleasure to wish all our residents a very peaceful and healthy new year. Members have faced some enormous challenges to make sure

mous challenges to make sure that we keep up provision of services whilst keeping within our budgets which have been reduced by significant amounts.

The coming year sees members having to make even greater decisions about the future of how local government works. We will be looking at proposals for a combined authority and or possibly different options for a unitary authority. Making savings where we can will be at the heart of our decision making.

Besides making sure we do the best for residents, which takes up most of our time, we mustn't forget all the other local and world events

Weymouth is the best at putting on events that bring in visitors and we must make sure we carry on supporting these. We always have a fantastic veterans' week, culminating in the parade along our splendid seafront. This year saw the VJ day anniversary which added to the poignancy.

We saw our queen celebrate becoming the longest reigning monarch and we applauded and



celebrated with her. Our much loved carnival was saved by a dedicated group of people and rain didn't stop play. David Beckham came fishing, and Terry Wogan sampled some Dorset fare.

On a sadder note, the world saw a crisis on a scale not witnessed since WW11 with refugees descending on Europe's borders looking for asylum and atrocities such as the Paris bombing which left us speechless with horror. All these things should make us think about just how lucky we really are to be living here.

I have had a wonderful time thus far as the mayor and look forward to the next fuve months in office. Once again wishing you all health, happiness and peace.

Christine James

Calls for improved rail links to London

TALKS have been held in London to promote a new, faster, rail link between Weymouth, Dorchester and the capital.

Instead of the current line through Southampton it is believed that more than half an hour could be knocked off the journey time by using Dorchester West, Yeovil and Salisbury

South Dorset MP, Richard Drax, together with MPs from other towns on the route and local council leaders have met with Claire Perry, MP, Undersecretary of State for Trans-

port.
He said that commercial road traffic to Portland Port is expected to treble in the years to come, together with an increase in cruise ships.

"In the centre of my constituency, a newly announced enterprise zone on the outskirts of Wool is expected to generate thousands of jobs—so too, hopefully, will our expanding marine and engineering industries, new museums and tourist attractions."

"For all those to work, we need to improve our infrastructure, and with little scope for more roads, rail is the only option."

But the Minister has made no promises about the route – other than to ask her officials to look at the likely costs.

She suggested that MPs attending the meeting, together with the Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) and local councils, ought to get the project added to the current franchise consultation which ends on February 9th.

"If we start to bring in the broader benefits, such as the housing that these transport improvements could underpin, the businesses that would move to the area and the local growth that could be unlocked, we could really start to capture the value that transport investment can bring," she said.

Said Mr Drax: "Everyone is taking it very seriously, this is the second meeting we will have on the possibility and it has the backing of all the local MPs, the LEP and the councillors.

"We are still in the preliminary stages, but, everybody is working together and if we can achieve it, it would be excellent."

However, the idea of a faster rail service

using the western rail line has been described as 'pie in the sky' by rail enthusiast and Friends of Upwey Station group member. Terry Putnam, who said: "The idea of a fast service from Waterloo to Weymouth would cost a fortune. I wonder whether Mr Drax fully understands the difficulties.

The trains would need a fast path down to Yeovil Junction via Salisbury from Waterloo - not easy. At Yeovil Junction the train would have to reverse down to Yeovil Pen Mill and reverse again to go to Weymouth unless a 'south cord' is built to enable the train to go to Weymouth avoiding Pen Mill," he said.

Mr Putnam also points out that once on the Weymouth line the route is single track for 12 miles to Maiden Newton with three request Halts at Thornford, Yetminster and Chetnole. In addition, he says, all trains have to stop at Maiden Newton because of a train driver operated single line token signalling system.

Mr Putnam concedes that the faster route could be achieved – but not without enormous investment and restoring the line to double track.

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ADRIAN Ragbourne, 49, is the co-ordinator of LymeForward - a strategic partnership for Lyme Regis, Charmouth and Uplyme.

Adrian moved to the area in 2012 from Worcestershire with his wife and daugh-

WHAT does your role within LymeForward entail?

I co-ordinate community planning activities designed to support and address our community plan. This is wide ranging; we are currently creating a cookery school group in Lyme, writing the economic plan for our Coastal Community Team and investigating renewable energy projects. We work with other local and voluntary groups and fill in the gaps when there are urgent community issues.

WHAT is the aim of LymeForward?

The Partnership encourages local people, groups and organisations to work together for the good of the whole community. We aim to improve our community's economic and environmental sustainability.

We hold regular open meetings with the community, organisations and businesses to discuss current issues and agree plans and actions to address them.

WHAT are some of the issues affecting West Dorset and how are you helping?

Many see West Dorset as well-off with good job opportunities. However, I know there are lots of people struggling to make ends meet.

One of our groups called MovingOn supports mental wellbeing in the community; we have had some real success stories including helping one member gain enough confidence to start their own little business.

HOW does someone become a member of LymeForward?

LymeForward is open to any organisation or individual interested in our local community. We welcome new members; they can contact



us through our website, office or call me di-

TELL us about the Coastal Community Team (CCT)?

There are 108 CCT's being created around the



coastline. Our team has representation from Charmouth, Uplyme, Lyme Regis and our District Council. We are currently writing an economic plan for the area focusing on regeneration, extending the seasons and making this a better place to live for everyone.

We have just won over £70,000 for the local area including £39,000 for the Marine Theatre to replace their leaking roof. We are looking to submit more bids next year to help other projects in our local area.

YOU also have an active role with the lifeboat, how did that come about?

One of the reasons for choosing this area was the amazing Jurassic Coastline. As an ex-boat owner, and with a young daughter growing up here, I wanted to support the RNLI in making our coastline a safer place to visit.

I have been a volunteer with our lifeboat team since 2013 and whilst we have a lot of fun, they are a highly organised and profes-

WHAT'S the best thing about living in West Dorset?

The fantastic coastline combined with rural countryside, seafood and sea-air. The community spirit is great and we love that there is something going on throughout the year.

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Old Town Hall restoration project honoured with blue plaque award

A MASSIVE community effort ,which transformed Weymouth's Old Town Hall from a crumbling eyesore to a pristine historic attraction, has won a Blue Plaque award.

It came from Weymouth Civic Society who paid tribute to the efforts of the Guardians of the Old Town Hall (GOTH).

The society said its annual award paid tribute to "a major community project which is a fine example of civic pride, bringing back to life this important historic building and creating a valuable facility for residents of the locality and the wider area".

The GOTH poured thousands of hours of effort into saving the building which dates back to Tudor times.

Guardians spokesman Selwyn Williams said: "There were a thousand and one jobs. We had to go over the whole roof to make it weather-proof, we had to repoint both gables, all the exterior walls and many interior walls, remove old plaster and replace with lime.

"One of the biggest changes we

By Harry Walton

made was to get central heating into the building which has made a huge difference to its fabric by reducing damp. It had been so bad that if you left paper in overnight you couldn't light a fire with it the next morning!

"Now the wooden floor is immaculate, the lovely stonework has been exposed and we have even just christened a new downstairs bar which will form a vital part of future fundraising.

"It is very rewarding to get a blue plaque from Weymouth Civic Society recognising all our efforts over the last six years.

"The Old Town Hall is a vital part of Weymouth's history and its restoration has helped to rejuvenate this part of town."

The Blue Plaque was presented to him by society chairman Mary Bennett who said: "We are very impressed indeed with what has been done with the Old Town Hall.



MARY Bennett hands the Blue Plaque award to Selwyn Williams in front of the Old Town Hall

"It was looking very tired and very unloved but now I am particularly impressed with the amount of detail done to the outside and how welcoming it has been made inside while taking care with the history of the building. The Guardians thoroughly deserve this blue plaque award."

'Good' rating for college

WEYMOUTH College has achieved its first "good" Ofsted report since 2000.

Interim principal Nigel Evans the November inspection was a welcome reversal in fortunes. The college had previously been rated "inadequate"

The inspection report says that the college has taken "decisive action" to tackle the financial position and the curriculum is now cost-effective and meets the needs of learners, employers and the local community well.

Areas for improvement include better standards in English and maths for 16-18-year-olds, with improvement also needed in beauty therapy, business and administration.

"While good, the quality of teaching learning and assessment has not improved sufficiently. "Managers overestimate the overall quality of teaching, learning and assessment based on annual lesson observations."

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Geoffrey,19, moves on to start new job

STUDENTS and staff at Weymouth's Wyvern Academy held a special leavers' assembly to say goodbye to 19-year-old Geoffrey Mott who is leaving the school to start working life with Employ My Ability, based at The Walled Gardens, Moreton, in January.

Geoffrey, who has learning difficulties, has been at Wyvern Academy since 2000 when he was only four-years-old. Wyvern is a specialist school for pupils with complex learning difficulties, including autistic spectrum disorders.

For the past year he has been involved with work experience at Fancies Farm in Portland and then with Employ My Ability, where he has worked with animals and in the gardens.



■ GEOFFREY Mott – leaving Wyvern to start work in Moreton

Wyvern's sixth form co-ordinator, Andrew Holland, said: "Having done the work experience, Geoffrey was determined this was what he wanted to do after school. He really knew his own mind and made it clear he was keen to work and would much rather do this than go to college."

Geoffrey's mother and father, Karen and Steve Mott said: "Geoffrey is so excited to start his new job. We are happy because we feel he's had his voice heard - the county has listened to him and the school supported his choice. It's a great outcome."

Employ My Ability is a new Dorset special educational needs and disability provision for the 19-25 age group that offers learners the op-

portunity to acquire vocational qualifications and accreditation in the key areas of food and drink service, hospitality, catering, retail and horticulture. It opened in September 2015.

Based in the middle of the village of Moreton, Employ My Ability is on the site of the old working nursery and kitchen gardens attached to the formal Walled Gardens where the café, gardens and farm shop are now open to the public.

The organisation is a social enterprise business which supports individuals to learn in natural industry settings with progression to paid employment, links to future employers and continued support through their work-







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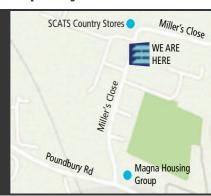
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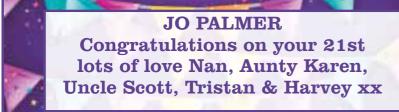
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Dorset stories told in new year book

THE Portland Spy ring, the First World War and the Civil War are among events commemorated in the 2016 Dorset Year Book.

The book is published annually by the Society of Dorset Men - since the society's foundation in 1904, apart from four war years.

Also featured in the current edition is the story of a poacher tried by Oliver Cromwell, Britain's first VC won in the air, a 500-year-old Bridport butchers business and how the theft of coins from a Dorchester hotel led to the culprit being transported to Australia.

This is the first Dorset Year Book to be edited by Selwyn Williams, one of the guardians of the Old Town Hall in Wey-

A Freemason, Mr Williams is involved in several other organisations, including singing with the Dorset Wrecks sea shanties group and serves as Chairman of the Local Underwater Archaeological Research Society.

Mr Williams said: "It is a great honour to be editor of the Dorset Year Book and it has been a busy, but enjoyable experience. What comes through in the many articles submitted is all the



DORSET Year Book editor Selwyn Williams

contributors' love for Dorset, its history, its scenery and its peo-

The 2016 Dorset Year Book has been sent free to all society members, but is now available for £7.50 from tourist information centres at Dorchester and Shaftesbury, Gullivers Bookshop in Wimborne, Books Afloat at Weymouth, Cards & Garden Centre at Gillingham and Swanage New Books.

Individual Dorset Year Books can be ordered by post from Andy Hutchings at 23 Hereford Road, Weymouth, Dorset DT4 OQB at a cost of £10 - including UK postage. Please make cheques payable to The Society of Dorset Men.

The Society of Dorset Men was founded 111 years aiming to bring together fellow Dorsets in the capital city, but since the 1950s, the main activities of the organisation have been centred on Dorset.

Today, there are around 1,200 members throughout the UK and all over the world. The President is Oscar winner and ITV Downton Abbey playwright Lord Fellowes of West Stafford. He succeeded Sir Anthony Jolliffe in 2011, the only Lord Mayor of London to be born in Weymouth - who still lives in Wyke Regis.

Membership of the Society of Dorset Men costs £10 a year. For further information, consult www.societyofdorsetmen.co.uk/ page8.html or telephone Membership Secretary Peter Lush at 01305 260039.



The volunteers of Weymouth lifeboats and crew lined the deck of the all-weather lifeboat, and a crowd of well-wishers gathered at Weymouth harbourside for the RNLI lifeboat annual

The service was conducted by The Reverend Richard Franklin of Holy Trinity Church, Weymouth, with music provided by the Salvation Army Band.

Bible readings were given by Lifeboat Operations Manager, Malcolm Wright, and the Mayor of Weymouth & Portland, Councillor Christine James.

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Christmas dippers!

THIS year's Christmas Day Weymouth Harbour swim attracted a record 336 entrants, raising over £20,000.

Weymouth and Portland Lions Club, who organise the event, say they believe several thousand people lined the harbour on Christmas morning to cheer on the swimmers.

The event was helped by unseasonal warm(ish) weather with the water temperature in the harbour several degrees above what it usually is at the time of year.

Many came in seasonal rancy dress, others in little more than trunks or a bikini – including a group of male swimmers who donned pink bra tops to take the plunge for breast cancer. Only a few opted for wet suits.

Mayor Christine James was there to start the event off – praising swimmers and the dozens of volunteers who gave up their Christmas morning to help run the event.

Canoe lifeguards, first aiders, Lions members and many others all gave up hours of

their time to ensure the event ran smoothly and to help keep it as one of Weymouth and Portland's top out of season attractions.

Lions spokesman Normal Apps said the event will boost funds for a range of national and local charities and may well yet bring in more than the £20,000 pledged.

"Swimmers came from far and wide, including a couple from Germany and a lady from Abu Dhabi," said Mr Apps.



FESTIVE headgear for these bathing belles



■ WEYMOUTH Mayor Christine James who started the race with some of the competitors Photos by STEVE DAVIES and HELEN JONES



PINK BRA BOYS: Promoting breast cancer research



AND THEY'RE OFF: There were so many entrants that they had to swim in groups





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Delays in house sales are improving say councillors

layed house sales seem to be easing, at least in Weymouth and Portland, according to a local councillor.

Earlier in the year solicitors, estate agents and those in the property market complained of long delays in both Weymouth and

The problems, at the time, were being caused by a backlog for the planning administration team who were being inundated with land survey requests from homebuyers and planning applications from developers.

Some applications were said to be taking four months to process although the majority were being dealt with quicker.

One local estate agent, Anthony Goss, said back in September that searches which used to take two or three weeks were taking 16 weeks to complete - pushing some sales and exchanges to four months or more.

Councillor Ian Gardner, portfolio holder for planning at West Dorset District Council, pledged the councils would address the issue by investing more resources into the department.

Councillor Gardner said: "Due to the number of land charge searches and planning applications, the councils are operating with a significant backlog.

"We are currently processing

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searches in approximately 10 weeks (land charges) and have a four-week delay in validating planning applications.

"Additional resources have been put into place to help address this backlog, but it will take some time to reduce the existing volume of enquiries and applications..

"We realise that customers want to know what progress is being made, but we ask that contact is kept to a minimum so that we can focus on processing the work."

Weymouth Management Committee chair, Councillor Ian Bruce, claimed the situation had now improved.

"Some weeks ago there was a crisis in the planning and land charges department of the borough council with hundreds of house sales being put in jeopardy and estate agents fearing they could be put out of business through agreed sales simply falling through," he

"Officers had reported to councillors that there were good reasons for the delays and they could not promise any improvement until 2016. However councillors insisted that as a monopoly provider of a service that simply was not acceptable."

spoken to two directors of Red House Property who say they have now seen an improvement in the situation and several local solicitors say there is no longer a difficulty with legal searches in Weymouth and Portland - although there were still problems in other parts of the county.

Said Councillor Bruce: "Weymouth and Portland have very ambitious plans to improve our borough and our economy, but I have stressed to officers that the tri-council partnership will be judged first and foremost on how we deliver the basic services to business and the public. I do thank the staff who have turned this service round for their enormous efforts and councillors will ensure the proper level of resources are devoted to this in the future.'

Some of the problems have been caused by a member of staff in the team being on long-term sick leave and a vacancy, which has yet to be filled.

Councillor Bruce has been told that the land charges searches backlog is now three weeks, with 177 searches outstanding for Weymouth and Portland with the oldest date September 30th and seven weeks work, amounting to 407 searches outstanding at West Dorset District Council - the oldest dated August 5th.



A CHEQUE for £910 is presented to Royal British Legion fundraising manager Ian Jarvis from Let's Make It group treasurer Joy Stanley

Knitted poppies net £910

A CHEQUE for £910 as the proceeds of this year's knitted poppy appeal has been presented by Let's Make It group treasurer Joy Stanley to Royal British Legion fundraising manager lan Jarvis.

Project co-ordinator Julie Hursthouse said: "This is the fourth year that we have knitted the poppies and we would like to say a huge thank you to all of the ladies who helped.

"We now need the community's support again. Don't throw out or keep your knitted poppy from the last few years but donate it

back to the group. "We are after any paper or knitted poppies that the community might have as we are

starting on an ambitious project in January

ready for November 2016."

The project is under wraps at the moment, but Julie said that it needs the help of the whole community, schools, colleges, community groups, craft groups, groups that just come together or anyone who really want to put Weymouth on the map.

Working with the Royal British Legion and Weymouth Pavilion Julie said: "The project will be a unique opportunity to unite our communities and create a space where families can come together to help remember their loved ones who were lost in battle."

If you would like to know more and get involved please call Julie on 01305 838497 or email jhursthouse@dorset.gov.uk.



GETTING in the saddle to raise money for Weldmar

STAFF at Sainsbury's supermarket in Weymouth spent a day cycling for charity without going anywhere!

Their efforts on static cycles raised buckets of money for Weldmar Hospicecare Trust as they tackled everything from relays to racing against professional cyclist and even singing silly saddle songs.

Organiser Peter Brown said: "This was our second Christmas charity cycle.

"Each year Sainsbury's supports a local charity, this year it was Weldmar and we are delighted to have raised so much money

"We would like to thank all those who joined in or helped us and New Body Fitness on the Granby Industrial Estate for supplying us with the bikes."

Weldmar business fundraising manager Jon Panton said: "Weldmar is very lucky to have been chosen as Charity of the Year by the Weymouth branch of Sainsbury's. The store has been very ac-

tive in supporting us.

"Their Christmas Cycle Event with New Body Fitness was a great way to raise vital funds for Weldmar while also making shoppers aware of our services.

"The money raised will go directly towards providing free of charge care for our patients and their loved across Dorset, care that may be provided in their own homes, our Wellbeing Centres or in Joseph Weld Hospice in Dorchester."

MAGICAL reindeer food was among items on sale from fifteen stalls which were packed with shoppers when St Paul's Church, Weymouth, held its annual Christmas bazaar.

The event, which raised money for Weldmar Hospicecare Trust, had everything from cakes and cushions to toys, jewellery, bric-a-brac, tombolas and seasonal gifts.

Co-organisers Michelle Honnor and Jayne Philpott-Quinn were delighted at the number of people who came to the bazaar.

Michelle said: "It is a fabulous cause which is very dear to our hearts, so we were very pleased to do so well."



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Slimmers share their secrets





EMMA before and after her weightloss

A PAIR of slimmers who have shed more than 14 stone between them will be setting up their own slimming clubs in a bid to share the secrets of their success.

Mother of two, Emma Cristofoli, 34, is setting up her own Slimming World group in Weymouth meeting at Radipole United Reformed Church at 9.30am on Fridays.

After talking to a fellow mum in the school playground, Emma joined up to Slimming World and in 11 months she had shed seven stone.

She said: "Slimming World is amazing, you can literally eat yourself slim. With food optimising you can still eat the foods you love without going hungry or depriving yourself."

Emma has now become a slimming world consultant and is opening a new group in the heart of Weymouth.

She added: "I want to share my journey, knowledge and passion with both new and existing members across Weymouth. I feel amazing and I'm the slimmest I've ever been. I'm happy to say I am no longer and never will I be that beach whale again."

Also starting her own slimming group in Puddletown is Julie Hatt, 49, from Milborne St Andrews.

Julie will be holding slimming sessions at Puddletown First School, Puddletown on Monday evenings at 7 30pm

Julie's weightloss journey began 16 months ago.

She said: "I knew it was time to get fit so I gave up smoking then tackled my weight issues. I have always been overweight but when my size 24 clothes were getting tighter and tighter I knew it was becoming a problem. I had problems walking up the stairs and any exercise, even taking my beloved dog for a walk would leave me breathless."

This changed for Julie after signing up to the Bere Regis Slimming World group in July last year. Since then she has lost seven and a half stone.

Julie added: "I could not have imagined a year ago I would be at target weight and feel as great as I do. I thank my luck stars I plucked up the courage to walk into group that first picht."

Writer wins award for Isis bride story

A DORCHESTER writer has been named runner up in Elle magazine's hunt for the next writing superstar.

Gail Aldwin entered the annual talent competition with a 500-word story inspired by the hashtag #RelationshipGoals.

Her story, "Five Days

By Trevor Bevins

to Go", imagines the hopes and aspirations of a teenage Muslim girl planning to become an Isis bride. Told through first-person narration, readers gradually realise what this British Muslim girl is planning.

Gail said: "Of course it would have been lovely to have won the competition but I'm chuffed to bits as one of the five runners up. The judging panel included Jessie Burton, author of The Miniaturist and Kate Mosse, Novelist and Chair and co-founder of the Baileys Women's Prize for Fiction so I'm delighted to think they've read my work."

She wins a Smyth-

son monogrammed Dukes manuscript book, worth £135.

In Gail's day job she works for the Borough

of Poole as local offer project manager. This involves publishing information on provision and services for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.

With a background in teaching, Gail Aldwin delivers creative writing workshops to young people and adults in community settings.

Her short fiction appears as online content in webzines such as Ink, Sweat & Tears and in women's journals. Examples of her flash fiction can be found in print anthologies including What I Remember (EVB Press, 2015) Dorset Voices (Roving Press, 2012), The Last Word (Unbound Press, 2012) and The Best of CaféLit 3 (Chapeltown Books, 2014).

Her collection of short fiction, titled Four Buses, is available to order from good bookshops ISBN 978-0-9574172-0-5.



■ THE Nativity Scene at Poundbury Quiet Space

Community project creates Nativity scene

VOLUNTEERS from the Men's Shed project have created a nativity scene for the Poundbury Quiet Space.

It was made, over a period of weeks, at Future Roots at Whitfield where the not-for-profit community workshop is based.

The group accepted the challenge after being asked to help by The Reverend Mike Stear who said the idea was inspired by St John's Church in Weymouth.

Mayor and Mayoress, Robin and Val Potter, were at the official handover and praised the quality of the work.

Councilloe Potter, who is chair of the Quiet Space trustees, said it was a wonderful example of a community project.

The scene can be seen daily from 10am to 4pm, together with a second display which looks at people trafficking, refugees and homelessness.

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GROUP photo of all long service award recipients with Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Chairman Dr Jeffrey Ellwood and Chief Executive Patricia Miller

DORSET County Hospital staff have received recognition for their hard work and dedication at the 2015 Dorset County Hospital Long Service Awards.

Certificates were presented for 15 and 30 years of service by Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Chairman Dr Jeffrey Ellwood and Chief Executive Patricia Miller during a ceremony at Dorchester's Corn Exchange.

Mrs Miller said: "It was lovely to see staff from across the hospital gathered together to celebrate the amazing contribution people have made. We are lucky to have staff who dedicate so many years of their working lives The recipients are:

Long Service Awards - 30 Years: Josephine Neal, Elizabeth Murrell, Andrew Johnson, Linda Dick, Lavena Dalgleish, Kevin Aplin, Julie Green, Martin Shepherd, Mark Ellis, Lisa Clark, Andrew Barker, Peter Robins and Kulwant Leppington.

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Man falls from building

A MAN in his mid-twenties has been flown to Southampton Hospital after falling 30 feet from a building in Weymouth's Great George Street.

He was discovered on Sunday morning and, after initially being treated by paramedics, was transferred to the air ambulance which had landed in the nearby Swannery car park.

Ambulance staff were called at 8am. A spokesman said: "He was unconscious and suffering from serious. life-changing head injuries

and other internal injuries. "The patient was stabilised for flight by a specialist trauma doctor and flown to Southampton Hospital in a

Police sealed off Great George Street and made door to door enquiries as part of their investigations.

serious, but stable condition."

Apply for r ural grants

APPLICATIONS for grants from the Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership are being invited from rural Dorset. The call for submissions

comes after a Rural Funding event attended by around 50 rural organisations and businesses at the George Albert Hotel near Evershot. Christopher Lees, Chair of

the Southern Dorset Local Action Group said: "We hope that the money we have to give in grant will tip the balance for many fledgling businesses across South and West Dorset. This fund is to make a difference to employment in rural areas and to rural life."

The LAG welcomes applications at any time from now until 2019/2020 and roadshows with drop in, advice surgeries and Outline Application Workshops will now be held monthly around the county, according to demand.

The current 'Growth Programme Calls' for business support and tourism projects closes on January 8th with outline applications for between £35,000 and £140,000 of funding available on the Government website www.gov.uk.

Licensees urged to be 'Best Bar None'

PUBS, bars and clubs are being encouraged to sign up to Weymouth and Portland's Best Bar None (BBN) scheme.

The scheme is aimed at reducing alcohol-related crime and disorder by building a positive relationship between the licensed trade, police and local authorities.

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Natalie Rose

Dorchester Community Church Acland Road, Dorchester Monday 5.30pm & 7.30pm Tel: Natalie 07500 962667

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Puddletown First School Dorchester Road 7.30pm Tel: Julie 07871 821928

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Wyke Regis Memorial Hall Portland Road, 3.30pm, 5.30pm & 7.30pm Tel: Nicky 01305 750670

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Weymouth Matters

A personal View by HARRY WALTON

■THIS week's Growing Old Disgracefully slot provides guidance on how to tell your elderly person that they actually slept through Christmas but still have New Year to look forward to.

Try and gloss over the shock on your pensioner's face and make soothing agreement noises when they babble about the last thing they can remember was the Queen's speech.

Go along with them, say it was a very nice speech and add that it must have been that second glass of Uncle Norman's elderberry wine that did the damage and knocked them out for three days.

Reassure them that "you haven't missed much" although Aunt Dolly did die on Boxing Day. You remember her. She's the one who always insisted that Jeremy Thorpe would win the next election.

You might help your ageing loved one by trying to focus their mind forward to New Year's Eve and how much you always look forward to their impression of Prince Charles.

The only word of warning which should ring loud and clear is hide the elderberry or your pensioner may wake up to find you explaining that it will soon be Easter!

Looking back on a year of highs and lows

ANOTHER year gone but still the same old startling Weymouth and Portland mix of events.

The rise of Weymouth Pavilion was a success story everyone enjoyed reading about, but the sweet smell of success was swapped for the sour stink of rubbish collection failure with Dorset Waste Partnership the villain of the peace.

Portland showed it could soon be the area's major drawing card with details of the Jurassica project revealed to create a fossil world natural attraction complete with lagoon animatronic dinosaurs in an old quarry.

Meanwhile there was one fewer natural open space left in Weymouth after developers won the right to build hundreds of homes across the town's last "green lung" at Markham and Little Francis off Chickerell Road.

Carnival battled its way through some awful weather

which proved too much even for the world famous Red Arrows to handle and the development of the old fire station site at Boot Hill transformed that part of town.

Conservatives just took over from Labour as the largest party on the council but still with no one party in overall control and Ian Bruce won the leadership of the Conservative group on the toss of a coin after a tied vote.

Supporters of the Palm House rallied round in a battle to try and ensure the historic building had a role to play in the redevelopment of Weymouth while a Portland dog trainer got ready to meet the Pope!

There were grand plans announced for the redevelopment of the council offices site at North Quay, but controversy surrounded the possible selection of one developer offering £4.5million with no strings attached against the rejection of another developer's £6.1million

offer provisional on its scheme getting planning permission.

The *View From* reported that Nigel Farage and his UKIP party will be holding their 2017 national conference at Weymouth Pavilion.

Perhaps by then the town's notorious new traffic system problems will have been ironed out including the Boot Hill junction which an independent assessor highlighted as needing several changes.

Finally there is the prospect of a huge £106million flood defence scheme which could change the whole face of Weymouth from a new chest-high wall along the landward side of the Esplanade to raised harbour walls and a new harbour barrier.

So kiss goodbye to 2015 and prepare to welcome some fresh New Year news in 2016.

People are finally taking notice of Weymouth's white elephant

YOU could spend a good hour strolling round Weymouth's shopping centre without even knowing the Colwell Centre was there.

Tucked away down a side street near the main library, it has struggled to survive for years.

Now it is to be pulled down to make way for apartments and two new shops after planners unanimously backed the scheme to transform what has been called "Weymouth's white elephant". But some of us with long memories know full well that isn't the whole story.

The Colwell Centre's demise was ensured from the moment it was left with a single entry and exit off an out of the way street.

It's not rocket science. If you set up a score of little businesses in a single building then only a small part of your success can be relied on to come from passing trade. The rest has to come from solid access to shoppers.

The Colwell Centre was doomed the instant planners granted permission for it to go ahead but without punching an access link through to New Bond Street and the Debenhams-anchored new shopping centre.

If that link had been approved then the Colwell Centre would have been able to draw on vastly greater shopper numbers and its survival would have been ensured.

Some might say it is easy to be wise

after the event, but the desirability of such an access link was put forward in arguments of the time when the Colwell Centre was conceived.

Now its race is run. Yes it is a white elephant, but we should make sure that, like elephants, we never forget all the reasons behind its death rattle and ensure that any future similar developments in Weymouth and Portland are given as much help as possible to succeed.

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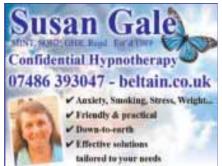
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Your guide to local live music

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Crown Inn, BRIDPORT DJ Wilf 9.30pm

The Spice Centre DORCHESTER

Bernardo - Around the World in 80 Chords 8pm onwards

The Clockhouse (held in the village hall),

CHIDEOCK John De Barra

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music 9.30pm

Saturday 2 Jan

Crown Inn, BRIDPORT **K2** 9.30pm

Sunday 3 Jan Crown Inn, BRIDPORT

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Wednesday 6 Jan

Nag's Head, LYME REGIS Jim Almand 9.30pm

Saturday 9 Jan

Nag's Head, LYME REGIS Real Deal 9pm

Crown Inn, BRIDPORT Livewired 9.30pm

Saturday 9 Jan

Crown Inn, BRIDPORT Midlife Crisis 9.30pm

Friday 15 Jan

Arts Cenrtre, BRIDPORT Jazz Café: Andy Williamson and **Philip Clouts**

8pm, £10

Saturday 16 Jan

Roxy Magic: A night of Roxy Music and **Bryan Ferry**

Marine Theatre, LYME REGIS

Bar open 7pm, show 8pm. Full £12 / Concessions £10.

Saturday 23 Jan

Arts Centre, BRIDPORT

The Upbeat Beatles

8pm. £16 / £14

Marine Theatre, LYME REGIS

The London Klezmer Quartet

Bar open 6pm, show 7pm

Sunday 24 Jan

Village Hall, PORTESHAM

The London Klezmer Quartet

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ROXY MAGIC are the UK's best and longest-running tribute to Roxy Music & Bryan Ferry. This band of experienced and talented musicians recreate the diverse music and imagery of the hugely influential Roxy Music and pop icon Bryan Ferry. All the hits are per-formed with panache to deliver an exciting and highly

Singer Kevin Hackett bears an uncanny resemblance to Ferry both visually and vocally, and has honed a stage presence which has received wide praise from fans of the original.

Roxy Magic perform their set of best remembered Roxy Music hits totally live, believing it to be more dynamic than playing with the aid of backing tracks. Because of the unique range of Roxy Music and Bryan Ferry's music, from art rock to disco, 30s ballads to rock'n'roll and ultimately the smooth sophistication of Avalon, the set has a great deal to offer to a wide audience. Remember and enjoy 'Virginia Plain', 'Avalon', 'Dance Away', 'Street Life', 'Love Is The Drug', 'Angel Eyes', 'Let's Stick Together', and much more.

Roxy Magic play at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Saturday, January 16th. Doors and bar open 7pm, with the show from 8pm. Tickets are £12 or £10 (concessions), available online at www.marinetheatre.com or by calling the box office on 01297 442138.

Icons return to Bridport

BURNS NIGHT CELEBRATIONS WITH THE LONDON KLEZMER QUARTET

DANCE your socks off with the London Klezmer Quartet at an alternative Burns Night ceilidh accompanied by a heart-warming Goulash stew, at the Ma rine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Saturday, January 23rd

The band will show you the steps for a variety of Yiddish dances, with live klezmer music to help put a spring in your step. Come along and try out freylekhs, bulgars, zhoks and shers. No previous experience or partner necessary, but willingness to have a good time IS essential. The London Klezmer Quartet combines the sub-

tleties of the original tradition with a kick-the-chairsover ability to party, bringing to life an almost-lost folk tradition on violin, clarinet, accordion and dou-Your ticket includes a delicious hot supper of a

hearty Goulash stew and crusty bread by Aroma Cafe, served on arrival in the theatre.

Bar opens 6pm, with the show from 7pm. All tickets

ner). For more details or to book visit www.marinetheatre.com or call 01297 442138.

■ The London Klezmer Quartet also play at Portesham Village Hall on Sunday, January 24th, at 7.30pm. For more details call 01305 871925.



Icons return to Bridport

FAIRPORT CONVENTION'S WINTER TOUR COMES TO THE ELECTRIC PALACE

FAIRPORT CONVENTION have been making great music for nearly fifty years. Credited with originating the British folk-rock genre, the band have been through many changes but the current members retain a passion for live performance.

This year's Winter Tour will feature a mix of long-established Fairport favourites and new material from their most recent studio album Myths And Heroes which was released in 2015. The concerts will also feature an opening performance by Brighouse-based singer-songwriter Roger Davies

whose quirky and entertaining songs reflect his love of Yorkshire and its people.

Fairport Convention have attracted critical acclaim: the band won a coveted BBC Lifetime Achievement Award; Radio 2 listeners voted Fairport's groundbreaking album Liege & Lief The Most Influential Folk Album of All Time and their story has been celebrated with a major documentary on BBC Four television.

Fairport Convention features Simon Nicol on guitar and vocals, Dave Pegg on bass guitar, Chris Leslie on fiddle, mandolin and vocals, Ric Sanders on violin and Gerry Conway on drums and percussion.

Whether you are a long-time fan or a newcomer to their music an evening with Fairport Convention is sure to surprise and delight you.

Fairport Convention play at the Electric Palace, Bridport on Friday, February 26th. Doors open 7pm, with music from 8pm. Tickets are £21 plus booking fee in advance (www.electricpalace.org.uk, www.seetickets.com or by calling 01308 424901), or £24 on the

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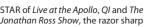
Thursday, January 14th • Electric Palace, Bridport Doors 7pm, show 8pm • Tickets £19.90 (+bf) adv, £21 on the door.

THAT bloke. You know. The Irish guy. No, not the bald one. The other one. You know him. The one Carol from work really likes. Wait, that might be Jason Byrne. Anyway. Funny chap. Has a new show!

Don't miss a chance to win two pairs of tickets to see him and meet him for a chat before the performance. All you need to do is visit electricpalace.org.uk/ed-byrnechat and fill in your details. Two winners will be chosen at random and each will be able to bring a friend.

Katherine Ryan - Kathbum

Saturday, January 23rd Weymouth Pavilion. 7.30pm. Tickets £18.



and hilariously funny Canadian returns with a highly anticipated new show. Hot on the heels of a complete sellout UK and Australian tour, Katherine hits the road with another terrific comedy show. Put this at the top of your 'must see' list for this year's comedy diary.

Rob Newman – The Brain Show

Sunday, January 31st • Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis Bar 7pm, show 8pm. Tickets £15, £12 concessions.

AFTER volunteering for a brain-imaging experiment meant to locate the part of the brain that lights up when you're in love, Rob emerges with more questions

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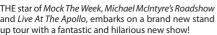
The show includes a specially constructed MRI-hat that will record Robert's real-time brain activity in the show.

Stewart Francis Pun Gent

Friday, February 5th

Weymouth Pavilion 7.30pm. Tickets £20 Saturday, February 6th

Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis Bar 7.15pm, show 8pm. Tickets £18.50



Mark Steel - Who do I think I am? Friday, February 26th • Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis

Bar 7pm, show 8pm. Tickets £18.50 IT NEVER really bothered me that I'd never met my

mum. It never occurred to me I needed to meet her to 'find out who I was', as it didn't seem likely I'd discover I was someone different to who I thought I was. Could it turn out I was three stone lighter than I thought, or I spoke Italian or supported Arsenal or had a fear of Liquorice Allsorts?

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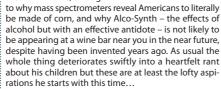
Simon Evans - In The Money

Friday, March 18th • Dorchester Arts at the Corn Exchange Doors 7.30pm, show 8pm. Tickets £14/£12 members.

Saturday, May 14th • Bridport Arts Centre Show 8pm. Tickets £14/£12 concs.

HOST of BBC Radio 4's Goes to Market and star of BBC1's Live at the Apollo, Simon Evans has been immersing himself in economics for the last couple of years, "like a pig immersing itself in organic cleansing elements."

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Fred Macaulay

Friday, April 29th • Bridport Arts Centre Show 8pm. Tickets £14.

IT SOUNDS like a wrong tennis score, but Twenty Fifteen is a hugely significant year for one of

Scotland's best (and best loved) stand-up comedians. Back on the road again after 18 years at BBC Radio Scotland, Fred looks back on family life at home....and forward to how his country will shape up after the referendum of 2014. In his first tour since 2012 and with a new show, as well as looking backwards and forwards he'll probably look sideways at politics, sport, the environment and, without this sounding too like a brief for a newspaper, there will undoubtedly be a colour supplement with a look at 'celebrity'.

Lee Nelson - Suited & Booted

Friday, April 29th • Dorchester Arts at the Corn Exchange Doors & bar 7pm, onstage 8pm. Tickets £20/£18

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THURSDAY DECEMBER 31ST

BRIDPORT: 80s & 90s Disco at the Beehive, 9pm-1am. £5 admission (ROAR). Fancy dress optional. All proceeds to Weldmar Hospicecare Trust. For more details call 07788 943220.

SATURDAY JANUARY 2ND

Bridport: Bridport Ceilidhs' first dance of 2016 with "Abacus", a young band out of Exeter Uni's folk dance circuit, teamed with experienced caller Richad Mason who specialises in writing and calling some intriguing dances. At Church House (St Mary's) Hall, South Street, Bridport DT6 3NW. Bring and Share finger food supper, with some soft drinks provided; bring your own beer/wine and make a party of it! Doors open 7.15 for 7.30-11pm dance. Tickets on the door at £9.00, cheaper to buy in advance for £8 from "The Music Shop", South Street, "The Lime Tree" Deli, West Street, or book with Monty or Mecki on 01308 423 442, email monty3dayslate@yahoo.co.uk. For more details visit www.bridportceilidhs.wordpress.com

SUNDAY JANUARY 3RD
BRIDPORT: International folk music and dance session at 12.30 - 2.30pm in The Ropemakers, West Street, Bridport DT6 3QP, featuring music from the Balkans, Greece and France. Regular sessions are held on the first Sunday of the month. Entry is free. All players are welcome (some sheet music can be distributed in advance if wished); dancers of any ability are invited, with walks-through for newcomers commencing at midday. The pub is open 12 – 3pm and serves excellent home-cooked lunches. Call Mecki on 01308 423 442 or email mecki1@yahoo.co.uk

MONDAY JANUARY 4TH

Bridport: Bridport Folk Dance Club at 7.30-9.30 pm in the WI Hall, North Street, Bridport. Enjoy folk dancing mainly in the English tradition from Playford-style to modern-day compositions at Bridport's long-established weekly club, with guest and club callers, recorded music and occasional live bands. No partner or previous experience required. Membership available at £2 per year, giving entry at £2.50. Contact Jane on 01308 898 002 or Monty on 01308 423 442. Also on subsequent Mondays: 11th, 18th and 25th.

TUESDAY JANUARY 5TH Lyme Regis: Lyme Regis Art Society. Meeting 2-4pm at Woodmead Halls. Dorset artist Stephen Foster demonstrates his approach to a seascape in oil over acrylic, with use of a palette knife. All are welcome. Non-members admittance is £5. Contact Sheila on 01297 445464 for further

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 6TH

Bridport: Bridport Camera Club. Talented Dorset photographer John Tilsley will give a talk on "Developing a Photographic Style". 7.30pm Chancery House, Bridport, DT6 3JT. New members are always welcome. All enquiries please phone the Club Secretary on 01308 459266.

Dorchester: The West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship will meet at 2 for 2.30pm in the Boys Brigade Hall, Sawmills Lane, Dorchester DT1 2RZ when there will be a talk on Farm and Agriculture Advancement at Sydling St Nicholas The West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship was set up over 30 years ago for retired employees of the Health Sérvice and their partners living in Dorset and meet on the first Thursday of every month except August and December. In addition to the monthly meetings, we have coach outings, a theatre trip and Christmas lunch. New members welcome. Contact 01305 261676 or 785546 for further information.

FRIDAY JANUARY 8TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club. Competition: Street Photography. Followed by Penny Piddock with her presentation on Creative light. At Woodmead Halls, Hill Road, 7.30pm. Lyme Regis: U3A Heritage Coast." Escape from Christchurch" - talk by Richard Hamblin of the British Geological Survey. Richard was standing al-most at the epicentre of the devastating earth-quake in Christchurch, New Zealand. He will describe his traumatic journey from the epicentre to the evacuation centre. Woodmead Hall, Hill Road, Lyme Regis. Coffee/tea from 10am. Talk at 11am. Free for members, suggested donation £2 for talk for non-members.

Dorchester: Cruse Bereavement Care Dorset -Support Group meeting. At the United Church, 2-4pm. Have a chat over a cup of tea or coffee. For more details call 07767 305696. BURTON BRADSTOCK: Biodanza at Othona. Express,

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TUESDAY JANUARY 19TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Art Society. Meeting 2 4pm at Woodmead Halls. Celia Olsson from Devon will show us how to achieve texture in water-colour and mixed media. All are welcome. Nonmembers admittance is £5. Contact Sheila on 01297 445464 for more details

FRIDAY JANUARY 22ND LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club.

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TUESDAY JANUARY 26TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Art Society. Workshop 10am-1pm at Lyme Regis Football Club, Charmouth Road, Lyme Regis. A follow up to Stephen Foster's demonstration on a seascape in oil over acrylic, using a palette knife. Free on site parking. All are welcome. Please contact Sue Wells on 01297 444289 to register and for more information including suggested list of materials.

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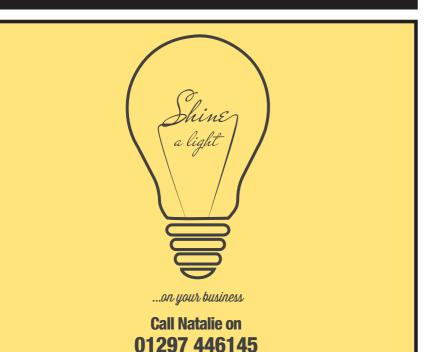
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Dominic Avery, Company Director at the retailer on Shoe Lane, comments: "We wanted to help motorists in Bridport take to the road in a brand new Vauxhall for less, whilst also cutting the cost of fuel at the pumps. And if it helps them to stick to a New Year's resolution, then that's an added bonus. We'd like to encourage all those looking to treat themselves to a new car for the year ahead to drop by our showroom during the event and take advantage of the fantastic offers we have available."

The Vauxhall Free Fuel Event takes place between 27th December 2015 and 11th January 2016 at Lanehouse Bridport located at St Andrews Industrial Estate, Shoe Lane, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 3EX. For more details, please visit the retailer, go online to www.lanehousegroup.co.uk or call 01308 458018.

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GEM chief executive David Williams MBE said:

"We urge Government to bring back national targets. These provide the much-needed central focus for the efforts of road safety professionals across the country.

"We support the introduction of graduated licensing (GDL) for new drivers. January 2016 marks the third anniversary of the announcement of the Green

ROAD safety organisation Paper on GDL. In that time we estimate that 1,300 people will have been killed or seriously injured in young driver crashes that could have been prevented by a GDL system1.

"We are convinced that a reduction in the drink-drive limit from the current 0.08g/dl is long overdue. Latest estimates2 show that a reduction in the limit to 0.05g/dl in 2010 would have saved 25 lives and prevented around 95 serious injuries in each of the following three years. Therefore any political motivation for keeping a limit that was set in 1967 needs to be replaced by an agenda that has public safety at its core."

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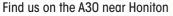
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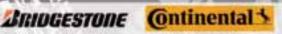
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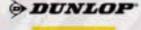
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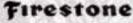
















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West Bay Sea Angling Club

McMaster pips Lynham to junior title

Nathan McMaster squeezed out Eden Lynham to win this year's West Bay Sea Angling Club's Jurassic League Trophy.

The Jurassic League takes place over the last two months of the year with members having to face some challenging weather conditions, with one match cancelled and another fished from the Black Hut. The league results are then based on the aggregate weight of all these matches.

This year's overall winner Mc-Master, only had a slim lead of 22g over runner-up Lynham.

Jurassic League Trophy Result (top five) - 1st: Nathan Mc-Master 554g; 2nd: Eden Lynham 532g, 3rd: Caolan Áyers 435g; 4th: Jamie Salvador Swords 394g; 5th: Ollie Butler 378a

Eleven members and one guest turned out to fish the final match.

Although quite windy, the afternoon was generally dry with most competitors choosing to fish on the inside of East Pier.

After a slow start a good number of fish soon started coming to the scales with flounder, pout, bass, pollack and rockling.
Guest competitor Josh

Craven soon took an early lead with the first fish of the day, a flounder, but before long he was overtaken by 'legal' sized fish (fish achieving minimum size which take precedence).

It wasn't until the latter stages of the match that Jack Parkman stormed into pole position with a double-shot of fish; a shore rockling and pout; both legal-sized which gave

him first place in the match. These fish, along with an ear-lier caught but undersized flounder, also qualified him for additional prizes.

Swords held on to second place with Abbie Button securing third spot.

This being Christmas and the last match of the year, parents generously donated extra prizes and a special mention must go to Hilary Smith for putting up Christmas hampers for the top three positions.

Match results (19th December) - 1st: Jack Parkman 365g (236g sizeable weight), 2nd: Jamie Salvador Swords 394 g (191g sizeable weight), 3rd: Abbie Button 14g (14g sizable weight), Heaviest flat: Jack Parkman 129g flounder, Heaviest round: Jack Parkman 173g shore rockling, Heaviest overall fish: Jack Parkman 173g shore rockling, Smallest fish: Kadie Lynham 16g five-bearded rock-

Most fish: Eden Lynham x5, Most species: tie; Jack Parkman and Jamie Salvador Swords x3 each, Wooden spoon: Ewan Chambers, Sponsors on the day: Hilary Smith, Watchouse Cafe, Kay Guppy, Richard 'Tiny' Daw, Jason Salvador Swords, Paul Lynham, Andrew Fowler and Paddy McMaster.

After the competition junior secretary Roger Guppy, thanked Steve and Sally Lawrence from the Punch and Judy Bakery for providing buffets free of charge for not only this event, but the Saturday Junior League presentation held in November.

Thanks were also given to



Richard 'Tiny' Daw, Hilary Smith and Craig Horton for helping out throughout the year along with Maureen Jackson for presenting prizes and trophies.

A very healthy prize table was on offer again thanks to Abbotsbury Fishing Tackle along with several individual donors.

A special mention was given to past member Andy Preston who donated a substantial

amount of fishing equipment.
Prizes were awarded for the winners of the final match and this was followed by the full results of the league, with a prize for everyone who fished that

To end proceedings, Maureen Jackson gave a vote of thanks to Junior secretary Roger Guppy for running the junior section throughout the year.

This year had a 'best dressed Santa or elf' theme and was judged by club vice president Maureen Jackson.

Christmas fancy dress Competition

Best junior: Ollie Butler; 2nd: Eden Lynham; 3rd: Aaron Chambers; 4th: Abbie Button, Best parent: Paul Lynham.

League sponsors: Andy Preston, Abbotsbury Fishing Tackle, Richard 'Tiny' Daw, Ollie Mears, Richard, Malvin Chambers, Gerry Reed, Nigel and Jane Smith and Samantha Courtice.

The junior matches start again next April and the club's new membership year starts January 1st along with the first shore match of the year at Abbotsbury, fishing from 1pm to

Families are encouraged to take advantage of the new family subscription rate; for more details contact the Angling Centre West Bay.

Bridport Skittles

CUP fixtures for week beginning Monday, January

Mens Individuals (2nd Round)

Tuesday, January 12th
ILCHESTER ARMS - N. Pye; A Cauldwell; B Robinson; R
Pincombe; M Powell; C Willcox; D Cooper; M Horton; M Huxter; A Gay; S Lee; D Cowburn; B Chapple; L Dare; S Welsford; C Langdon.

Ladies Individuals (1st round)

Wednesday, January 13th
BRADPOLE CLUB - S Newman; G Legg; M Paulley; J
Brooks; E Hooper; M Hansford; C Lambert; S Luter; H Doble; J Cake; K Tuck; C Huxter; J Symes.

Bridport Bowls

Tattershall on fire

PHIL Tattershall put in a great drawing performance for the Bridport county mixed side as they beat DORCHESTER 74-70.

The former Fire & Rescue Station Commander, along with Erica Sarson, Laura & Bob Taylor, won 21-12 to seal the victory.

Tony Sharood, Mary Corfield, Sue & Brian Walsh finished with a two count to win 17-16 at home, with Mary Marsh, Brian Pratt, Brian Legg & Janet Tatter-shall dropping a two on the last end to lose 18-20.

At Dorchester, Viv Gill, David Aylott, Ann Parkins & Barry Mapson went down 18-22, but the margin of the last four's victory saw them home.

Bridport's Ann Parkins spent an enjoyable weekend on the Isle of Wight with several Lyme Regis outdoor bowlers, and with Tiger Carpenter, Dave Wood & Paul Pomeroy won the prestigious WARNER LEISURE HOTELS FOURS Competition, picking up a large trophy and a £20 cheque.

Bridport Table Skittles

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Horse racing - Wessex Point-to-Point

Busy time ahead for Wessex point-to-pointers

THE new point-to-point season is underway and Wessex area has a further 21 meetings in store from early January to the end of

Aside from your favourite local free newspaper, check out weekly on www.pointingwessex.co.uk and updates on Twitter (@pointingwessex1) and Facebook (Point to Point Racing in Wessex).

A colour leaflet detailing all fixtures can also be yours by sending an SAE to Gill Armstrong, Pantiles, Penselwood, Wincanton BA9 8NF.

LARKHILL RACING CLUB Saturday, January 3rd. First race: 12 noon LARKHILL, nr Amesbury, Wiltshire Secretary: Mrs M O'Hare (tel: 01980

ROYAL ARTILLERY Saturday, January 23rd. First race: 11.30am LARKHILL, nr Amesbury, Wiltshire Sec: Mr A Connell (01980 662529).

SOUTH DORSET

Sunday, January 31st. First race: 12.30pm MILBORNE ST ANDREW, nr Bere Regis, Sec: Mrs K Davis (01258 817151).

COMBINED SERVICES Sunday, February 7th. First race: 11.15am LARKHILL, nr Amesbury, Wiltshire

Sec: Mrs M O'Hare (01980 655556) COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE CLUB (WESSEX)

Sunday, February 21st. First race: 12.00noon BADBURY RINGS, nr Wimborne, Dorset Sec: Mrs J Stockdale (01258 455412).

Sunday, February 28th. First race: 12 noon LARKHILL, nr Amesbury, Wiltshire Sec: Mr J Young (01590 622515).

BLACKMORE & SPARKFORD VALE* Sunday, March 6th. First race: 12.30pm CHARLTON HORETHORNE, nr Sherborne, Dorset Sec: Mrs C Hinks (01963 370260).

QUANTOCK STAGHOUNDS Saturday, March 12th. First race: 12.30pm COTHELSTONE, nr Taunton, Somerset Sec's: Mrs B Tully & Mrs S Baker. (01278

732944).

Saturday, March 19th. First (Charity Flat) race: 12.30pm First (Point-to-Point) race: 1.30pm MILBORNE ST ANDREW, nr Bere Regis, Sec's: Mr & Mrs M Elgar (01722 718368)

MENDIP FARMERS* Sunday, March 20th. First race: 12.30pm

STON EASTON, nr Shepton Mallet, Somerset. Sec: Mr G Pullen (07879 645364).

AVON VALE* Easter Saturday, March 26th. First race: 1.30pm LARKHILL, nr Amesbury, Wiltshire Sec: Mrs A Palmer (07976 335400).

TAUNTON VALE FOXHOUNDS & HARRIERS* Easter Monday, March 28th. First race: 1.30pm

KINGSTON ST MARY, nr Taunton, Somerset. Sec: Mrs V Kemp (01404 881353).

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Sunday, April 3rd. First race: 2pm BADBURY RINGS, nr Wimborne, Dorset Sec: Mrs S Old (01258 817101).

Saturday, April 9th. First race: 12.30pm COTLEY, nr Chard, Somerset Sec: Mr A Palmer (01297 678525).

SEAVINGTON*

Sunday, April 17th. First race: 2pm LITTLEWINDSOR, nr Beaminster, Dorset Sec: Mr G Rendell (01308 868332).

SOUTH & WEST WILTS Saturday, April 30th.

First (Charity Flat) race: 1.15pm First (Point-to-Point) race: 2pm

LARKHILL, nr Amesbury, Wiltshire Sec: Mrs E Marriott (07771 528763).

DEVON & SOMERSET STAGHOUNDS Sunday, May 1st. First race: 2pm HOLNICOTE, nr Minehead, Somerset Sec: Mrs L Pugsley (01398 341317).

CATTISTOCK* Bank Holiday Monday, May 2nd.

LITTLEWINDSOR, nr Beaminster, Dorset Sec: Mrs N Atkinson (01935 83892).

MINEHEAD HARRIERS & WEST SOMERSET HUNT Saturday, May 7th. First race: 2pm HOLNICOTE, nr Minehead, Somerset Sec's: Ms K Boutflower & Mrs D Stevens (01984 629266).

WESTON & BANWELL HARRIERS* Wednesday, May 11th. First race: 4.30pm COTHELSTONE, nr Taunton, Somerset Sec: Mr J Fear (01278 783261).

WEST SOMERSET VALE* Sunday, May 29tyh, First race: 2pm COTHELSTONE, nr Taunton, Somerset Sec: Miss K Cooke (01934 853330) *Meeting includes pony racing.

Charminster Golf

Double for Draper

DESPITE the generally wet conditions, there were six competitions held at Charminster Golf Club during December.
The WEDNESDAY MEDAL was won by Bob Irwin who

has had several successes during the year. His 91/24/67 was just ahead of second placed Colin Davis who scored 87/19/68. In third place was Alan Delahaye with

The SUNDAY MEDAL brought a further success for Andy Draper. His 86/18/68 score was recognised by a subsequent one-shot handicap reduction.

Brian Drammis took second place with 82/12/70. His

was the joint lowest gross round with Jules Walker. Leon Newey was third with 91/21/70.
Peter Churchill's 35 points secured the SENIORS

CHRISTMAS CRACKER on countback ahead of John Robinson. Roger Ingram was third with 33 points.
The CLUB CHRISTMAS CRACKER resulted in another

success for Andy Draper with 38 points. Alan Delahaye also had this score, with countback again being employed. Jules Walker scored 37 for third place.

The WEDNESDAY TURKEY TROT was won by Bob Irwin with 38 points. Charlie Dunn (37) was second and Terry Drudge third with 36. Prizes went down to sixth place and Roger Ingram, John Robinson and Tony Lee were placed next in that order.

The SUNDAY TURKEY TROT was won by Alan Delahaye with 40 points. Jules Walker took second with 35 and Leon Newey third with 34.

Peter Churchill, Roger Kellaway and Mark Boggust respectively took the final prize placings. The event concluded with the annual Christmas draw.



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INSIDE: Festive sport round-up

Magpies claim deserved point in derby battle

Weymouth 2 Dorchester Town 2

Evo-Stik Premier – att; 1,808 DORCHESTER Town claimed a deserved share of the spoils with a late goal in this Boxing Day derby.

Weymouth were looking for revenge after being beaten in the reverse fixture on August Bank Holiday at The Avenue, and looked like achieving it as the game when into added time.

Having taken a early lead, the Magpies were stunned with two goals that . saw them go in at the break 2-1 down.

Despite an encouraging start to the second half, manager Mark Jermyn decided to introduce new signing Franklyn Clarke just after the hour for Jonah Ayunga, and he stunned the majority of the huge crowd by blasting home á brilliant egualiser.

Dorchester were the first to find the

target on the minute mark when Neil Martin tested on-loan keeper Andy Dawber, before Weymouth's Adam Kelly, who unfortunately has built a reputation for going down easily, was involved in two controversial incidents on 14 minutes.

Theatrical

First he claimed a penalty after theatrically falling to the ground when challenging Martin, and seconds later went down holding his face after tangling with Magpies captain Mark Smeeton. In both cases referee Marc Whalley ignored his exaggerated ap-

A minute later Dorchester took the lead. Dean Evans' attempted headed clearance fell to Ayunga who miscued his shot under pressure from Kelly, but Nathan Walker neatly steered the ball home from eight yards.

by Stuart Broom

Weymouth struck back just before the half hour through a dubious penalty decision.

Stewart Yetton won an aerial duel with Smeeton and flicked the ball into the path of Chris Shephard who laid it into Kelly who lifted it over the outrushing Álan Walker-Harris and the bar before the keeper slid into him.

Not one of the Weymouth players appealed, but the referee positioned 20 yards directly behind the incident pointed to the spot. Shephard drove the ball confidently beyond the booked keepers dive.

Then, in first half added time Weymouth took the lead. Yetton's header from Shephard's delivery was cleared

off the line by Matt Oldring but the Terras skipper reacted quickest to volley home the rebound which struck Matt Dillon and deflected past Walker-Har-

New faces

With Ben Watson also replacing Charlie Davis on the hour, the Magpies pressed for an equaliser, and Clarke, signed two days before Christmas, lost no time in testing Dawber with a 20yard volley.

Weymouth then introduced their new Christmas present, striker Sam Surridge from AFC Bournemouth on a month's loan.

His first contribution was to get booked for kicking the ball away, whilst Liam Sayers replaced Luke Holmes for the Magpies.

Weymouth player-assistant Tim Sills had a great chance to perhaps seal the points with his first touch, but couldn't capitalise when Walker-Harris could only parry Shephard's shot.

It didn't seem to matter however as the game moved on into added time.

In the final minute Chris McPhee's weak header from Jermyn's long ball down the right saw Liam Sayers nip in and steal the ball which broke free to the inrushing Clarke.

The Liverpool-born former Wimborne Town man quickly switched the ball to his left foot before drilling a superb rising shot that curled away from Dawber and just inside the keeper's right hand post for the equaliser and a share of thew spoils.

Next up for Weymouth, still lying fourth, is Saturday's trip to face league leaders POOLE TOWN while Dorchester, now down in 10th, entertain struggling BIDEFORD (both 3pm ko.

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